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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 9872

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TAGS: PFOR, UR, LA

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF LAO AMBASSADOR, KING'S TRAVELS

REF: STATE 164770 (NOTAL)

1. LAO AMBASSADOR LA NORINDR TOLD EMBOFF YESTERDAY THAT HE EXPECTED TO BE LEAVING MOSCOW BEFORE THE END OF JULY BUT DOES NOT EXPECT TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE AT ONCE. HE EXPECTED HIS SUCCESSOR TO BE KHAMPHOEN THUNALOM, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS "PATHET LAO," BUT HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS HAD NOT YET GIVEN AGREEMENT. MEANWHILE, SAID LA NORINDR, THE FIRST "PATHET LAO" EMPLOYEE ASSIGNED TO HIS EMBASSY, A SECOND SECRETARY, WAS DUE TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW TODAY.

2. LA NORINDR SAID THAT HE WAS OFFERED THE POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GOVERNMENT, WORKING DIRECTLY UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER AND HAVING DIRECT TIES TO ALL BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT. THIS IS A POSITION WHICH HE HAS "CRAVED" FOR MANY YEARS AND WHICH REPRESENTS HIS MOST AMBITIOUS DREAMS. BUT HE IS "80 PERCENT" DECIDED AGAINST TAKING IT, HE SAID, BECAUSE OF THE RECENT CHANGES IN LAOS WHICH WOULD MEAN EITHER TAKING ORDERS FROM THE PATHET LAO

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OR HOLDING A MEANINGLESS AND POWERLESS POSITION. NEITHER

CHOICE IS ATTRACTIVE, SAID LA NORINDR, BUT HE SAID HE WOULD  
PONDER THE IMPLICATIONS DURING A "LONG" LEAVE WHICH HE  
PLANS TO TAKE IN EUROPE AFTER LEAVING MOSCOW.

3. CONCERNING THE PROPOSED VISIT TO MOSCOW BY KING SAVANG  
VATTHANA, LA NORINDR THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT OCCUR UNTIL LATE  
SEPTEMBER. HE SAID THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS NEARLY TWO  
WEEKS OLD, BUT HE THOUGHT THE SOVIETS HAD INDICATED THAT  
EARLIER DATES WOULD BE INCONVENIENT.  
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